

“ROUGH DRAFT”
TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
for
November 21, 2006

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at the Town Hall. Town Council President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilpersons Ben Bolton, Louise Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King and Atty. Stacey Whitten in attendance. Council President John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Louise Roberts moved that the minutes for October 17, 2006 be approved and filed for audit as presented. Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES as of October 31, 2006:

Porter State Bank – Checking	\$ 197736.06
Chase Bank – Savings	131630.59
Horizon Bank – 90 Day CD	55933.80
Record Balance	\$ 385300.73

Louise Roberts moved to accept the Financial Report. Ben Bolton seconded and the financial report was approved unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Louise Roberts moved approval of the claims in the total of \$22688.11 Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Helping Hands of Northwest Indiana – asking for donations.

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission – Meeting 11/30/06 at 5:30 pm – Ben Bolton will attend.

Chesterton Duneland Chamber – seeking sponsorship for Annual Dinner January 2, 2007

Annual Christmas Reception – 12/13/06 – 5:30p - 8:00p

Dale Enquist – Superintendent National Park – information on Dune Acres joining the Chicago Wilderness Society which was referred to the Environmental Committee.

Correspondence from 4 residents concerning informal social activities periodically at the Club House.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FIRE: No Report

MUNICIPAL CODE: Bill Nixon

Bill presented a bill for the annual internet fee. There was a discussion on how to search the online code. Bill said he would get with Howard Silverman about setting search by keyword instructions.

ROADS/Town Engineer: from Irv Call reported by John Wilhelm

Roads: Nothing to report.

Engineering: - Thanks to Mike Konopacki for making Harold King available to work on the two Club House projects – winterizing and kitchen door.

The new half glass kitchen back door is installed and now it swings left instead of right.

That was only part of the work however. In addition:

- A drop leg was taken out of the cold water line in the kitchen (so it wouldn't trap water and freeze.)
- The reticulation line was modified so it would drain.
- A drain was installed in the basement for the reticulation line
- Fittings were installed on the compressed air line so it could be utilized for blowing out water lines.
- The opening over the cellar steps was completely cleared, the floor joist repaired, new sub floor put down and a new reinforced cellar door was installed. The door was necessary to keep it warmer in the cellar but at the same time the door was installed in such a way that it rests on joist (not hinges) and can be walked on comfortably.
- The service water line was connected to the 2 inch plastic line which was part of the Maintenance-Club House umbilical.

It was a mighty job and work that is important to the long term use and maintenance of the building.

Winterizing is not quite complete. The last inspection report on the sprinkler system requested that the supply line or cellar be heated. We plan to do that the same as the caisson pipes are protected, with strip heaters attached to the pipes.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Konopacki:

Mike asked who was responsible for the signs Dune Acres signs on Route 12 – consensus was the state. He mentioned that the culvert under Mineral Springs Road keeps clogging due to a beaver.

Mike was given the okay to replace the Security Office window.

POLICE: from Cecilia Call read by Lou Roberts

- Security officers received their Thanksgiving \$20 gift certificates.
- Security is patrolling twice a day.
- As soon as Security has a well defined ordinance that the Town wants enforced they can improve the patrolling.
- I have been helping with Town patrolling as well as Security and have seen many vehicles improperly parked with no indication as to who they belong to – residents or others.
- It was reported that many loads of sand was leaving and Security was patrolling the time some left.
- As in the past the Security Office will be closed day shift Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

ENVIRONMENT: Cheryl Evans

Still waiting for Nipsco on the poor tree trimming. Shirley Hull has some blueberry bushes that need to be removed where future construction is anticipated. Anyone is welcomed to them as long as the bushes stay in Dune Acres.

There is \$5459.99 in the Evasive Plant Eradication grant fund and she will be contacting Greg for next year.

WATER: Ben Bolton

Ben reported on his meeting with Ed Nickles and Robert Pena of IAWC October 30, 2006.

Two projects were proposed:

Project 1 – Ridge Drive – approximately 1100 lineal feet of 8 inch water main from the intersection of Ridge and Circle Drives to the west side of the tee of Ridge Drive.

Goals for Project 1

- Complete preliminary engineering by November 30, 2006
- Complete engineering drawing and cost estimate by January 31, 2007
- Put together a bid package by February 28, 2007
- Complete project by July 15, 2007

Project 2 – Summit Drive – Approximately 450 lineal feet of 8 inch main. The main begins at the intersection of West Road and Summit Drive and proceeds west along West Road for approximately 250 feet. The main then turns south and proceeds approximately 200 feet to Summit Drive between 14 and 2 Summit Drive.

Goals for Project 2:

- Carry out the field work required to determine the most practical route for the 8 inch main between West Road and Summit Drive by December 15, 2006.
- Decide whether to proceed with the project by January 31, 2007

DEER REPORT: Bill Nixon reported about 16-18 deer have been culled to date.

CLUB HOUSE: Rick Demkovich

YMCA Hosted by the Roberts was held at the Club House. He has about 7 firm or perspective parties scheduled for 2007. He asked to consider periodical use of the Clubhouse for things such as classes, parties, private family events, etc. Tentative approval was given. He carried trash that was left from maintenance work done to other places in Town. Had pest management come to take care of carpenter ants. Jim Mills from Fire Place Specialties come and check out the fireplaces:

- 3rd floor fireplaces are best left shut.
- Every flue is in very good shape but no caps on them.
- The fireplaces on the second floor are fine.
- Third floor dampers need work. Just minor repairs to be done.

Additional Clubhouse repairs are needed.

Mary Chuman reported on the Verizon phone situation. Arthur Smith is the new district manager. Bad batteries in the remote central office terminal serving Dune Acres area. Verizon ordered new batteries and they should be replaced no later than December 29, 2006. John reported that Arthur Smith spoke with him and Smith called each complainant.

John reported that Ogden Dunes is looking into reverse 911. Madge Kohler of the calling committee will attend the meeting.

Lou Roberts reported that she sent all notices out on Toy for Kids drive. There has already been toy and monetary donations made. She also reminded every one of the flu shots on December 2, 2006 at the

Town Hall from 10:00 am to Noon. This is sponsored by the VNA. Medicare Card B carriers with filled out form don't have to pay. Others pay \$25.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

The State has approved the National Registry for the Club House.

The Rainy Day Fund was discussed. Sherry King is to gather information and report her findings and thoughts concerning the town setting up a Rainy Day Fund to each council member and the Town Attorney.

Ben Bolton reported on the fireworks. He contacted Melrose and they said 10% increase would make a difference in the show.

Ben Bolton also wrote a letter to INDOT asking for a traffic light at Mineral Springs and Route 12. It was agreed that he go ahead and send it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Louise Roberts did the first reading on Holiday Bonus Wage Ordinance 2006-2. Ben Bolton moved to approve Holiday Bonus Wage Ordinance 2006-2 and Lou Roberts seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Ben Bolton moved to set aside rules for second reading. Lou Roberts seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Lou Roberts read second reading of Holiday Bonus Wage Ordinance 2006-2 by title only. Ben Bolton moved to accept Holiday Bonus Wage Ordinance 2006-2. Lou Roberts seconded. Unanimously passed.

Ben Bolton read the first reading of Salary Ordinance 2006-3. Lou Roberts moved to approve Salary Ordinance 2006-3. Ben Bolton seconded. Unanimously passed.

Ben Bolton moved to set aside the rules for second reading. Lou Roberts seconded. Unanimously passed.

Ben Bolton read the second reading of Salary Ordinance 2006-3 by title only. Lou Roberts moved to accept Salary Ordinance 2006-3. Ben Bolton seconded. Unanimously passed.

Attorney Stacey Whitten reported Town Attorney Dan Whitten's suggestions concerning the Revised Parking Code. He said he would speak with some County Judges concerning collecting fines. The BMV can enforce the collection of fines.

John Wilhelm read the first reading of Ordinance 2006-4 An Ordinance Amending The Town Code of Dune Acres Indiana, Section 34 Articles I and II Regarding "Traffic and Vehicles." Lou Roberts moved to approve Ordinance 2006-4 and Ben Bolton seconded. Discussion followed and it was decided that there was some changes that needed to be done. First reading passed.

John Wilhelm announced the dedication of the Visitor Center on November 29, 2006 at 3 pm with an Open House from 3pm to 8pm. Dune Acres contribution to the cornerstone box was a CD of the web site and a printed copy, copy of 75th anniversary historical background, and a copy of the Beachcomber.

John Wilhelm offered his thanks to Council Members, Clerk-Treasurer, and Commissioners of the Town of Dunes Acres for their hard work and wished every one Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m

Louise Roberts, Council President

John Wilhelm, Councilperson

Benjamin Bolton, Councilperson

Sherry A. King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer